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After Eligibility

By law, when DVR cannot serve everyone who is eligible for and wants services, it must determine the priority level in which people are served based on disability-related criteria.

Possible Delay in Services

Depending on the date of your application and the priority level currently being served, your name may be placed on a waiting list for services. This may result in a delay in services for some applicants.

Vocational Assessment

You and a DVR Counselor explore types of jobs that best match your strengths, abilities and interests.

Plan for Employment

You will begin to work on activities to develop the steps to assist you in achieving your job goals. Your counselor offers ongoing guidance and support as you move through the steps of your employment plan.

Successfully Employed

DVR will work with you along the way to achieving your job goals. After you get a job, DVR will maintain contact with you for at least 90 days to make sure the job is a good match.

For more information about the types of services that DVR offers people with disabilities to prepare for and get a job, visit us on the web at www1.dshs.wa.gov/dvr or you may call us at 1-800-637-5627 (Voice/TTY) to request a copy of the DVR Guide to Services handbook.

Things to expect at your first meeting with a DVR Counselor

- ☐ Discuss questions you may have about DVR Services
- ☐ Go over your completed Vocational Information form
- ☐ Make copies of ID and SS card
- ☐ Fill out application
- ☐ Discuss the Client Assistance Program

Parents often ask



Do we have to pay for anything if our child receives VR services?

A DVR counselor will meet with students and their parents to explore all ways of paying for services. Parents will have to complete a Financial Statement form to establish whether they have personal financial resources available to help pay for certain VR services.

How can I help support my child and their counselors?

Parental support during the rehabilitation process is very important to your child's success. In addition to emotional support, until your child is 18 years old, you must authorize the release of medical records, the plan your child decides upon to go to college or work, and any services that are provided by DVR.



DVR Division
of Vocational
Rehabilitation

School to work transition is a team effort; parents are very involved in the process. A DVR counselor works with students, family members, school teachers and counselors to help them plan for life after high school.



**Student
Transition
Guide**



WORKING
WITH MY DVR
COUNSELOR,
I GOT THE JOB
I WANTED AS
A BICYCLE
TECHNICIAN.

What is... ...DVR?

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is a program within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

DVR envisions a world in which individuals with disabilities who want to work are employed and have career goals that lead to personal fulfillment. We believe that employment contributes to a person's ability to live independently, and that every person has the right to work.

By establishing an important partnership with a vocational rehabilitation counselor, DVR customers get the counseling and guidance they need to make decisions about their career goals.

...school to work transition?

School to work transition services are specifically designed to bridge school and work, helping students with disabilities develop and pursue their career goals.

School to work transition is a team effort. DVR works with students with disabilities, their family members, teachers and school personnel, local community, employers and others to help plan for life after high school.

YOU ARE IN THE
DRIVER'S SEAT OF
YOUR REHABILITATION
PROCESS; WE
WELCOME YOU TO
INVITE ANYONE YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BE
PART OF YOUR TEAM.

Is DVR right for you?

You may be eligible for DVR Services if you can answer "YES" to both of these questions:

1 Do you have a physical, mental or learning disability that limits your ability to work?

2 Do you want to work, go to college or obtain additional training after graduation?

If you answered YES to both of the above questions and you wish to apply for DVR services, then follow along.

Read through the DVR Guide to Services to see if DVR might be able to help you go to work.

How do I know if I am eligible for DVR services?

In order to make you eligible for DVR services, DVR must gather information about you and your disability from your school and/or medical professionals. We can do this in three different ways.

1. You provide DVR with documentation from your school and/or your medical professional that states your disability.
2. You provide DVR with the name, address, and phone number of your medical professional so that we can make contact to collect information on your disability.
3. If you don't have a doctor who has diagnosed your disability then DVR may send you for an evaluation with a medical professional to determine your disability. This evaluation will be set up by your DVR counselor and will be paid for by DVR.

All of the information we collect about you is kept confidential. We do not share information about you without your written approval.

To apply for DVR services or before you meet with the DVR Counselor, please complete the following:

- Schedule an appointment with the DVR High School Liaison Counselor in their office or at your school.
- Complete the paperwork in your packet, including the Vocational Information form, and bring it to your scheduled appointment.
- Please bring a copy of your picture ID and a copy of your Social Security card. If you don't have a social security card please bring the original or a copy of your birth certificate.
- After all the documentation has been received through medical records or evaluations, your DVR High School Liaison Counselor will process your eligibility. The counselor will review the records to determine whether you have a disability that is getting in the way of your ability to go to work.

My application Date is:

IMPORTANT: Your application date for VR services is a very important date to keep track of. This will help determine when you may be receiving DVR services as you transition from school to work.

